DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jonathan Darcy (Reg. No. 44,054) on 2 March 2010.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 1 – 19 and 38.

Replace claim 20 and 39 as follows.

Claim 20:

A process for secure distribution of compressed digital texts formed by blocks of binary data stemming from digital transformations applied to an original text, comprising:

configuring at least one processor device to perform the functions of:

modifying at least one instance of binary data <u>randomly selected</u> in at least one of the blocks according to at least one substitution operation comprising extracting the binary data to be modified and replacing it with at least one decoy to provide at least one modified block, wherein the binary data to be modified is indicative of a reference to at least a first other instance of the binary data and the decoy is indicative of a reference to

at least a second other instance of the binary data different than the at least one first other instance of the binary data;

storing the at least one modified block in a memory;

transmitting a modified compressed digital text in conformity with a format of the original compressed digital text, the modified compressed digital text comprising the stored at least one modified block; and

transmitting, by a separate path from the transmission of the modified compressed digital text, digital complementary information;

wherein, the transmitting enables the original compressed digital text to be reconstituted by a calculation on equipment of an addressee as a function of the modified compressed digital text and the complementary information.

Claim 39:

A process for secure distribution of compressed digital texts formed by blocks of binary data stemming from digital transformations applied to original texts, comprising: configuring at least one processor device to perform the functions of:

receiving, by separate paths, a modified compressed digital text and a digital complementary information respectively:

instance of binary data <u>randomly selected</u> in at least one of the blocks replaced with at least one decoy, the binary data that was replaced being indicative of a reference to at least a first other instance of the binary data and the decoy being indicative of a reference to at least a second other instance of the binary data different than the at least one first other instance of the binary data, and

the digital complementary information; and

reconstituting an original compressed digital text by a calculation on equipment of an addressee as a function of the modified compressed digital text and the complementary information.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20 – 37 and 39 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in claims 20 and 39 (& associated dependent claims).

The present invention is directed to a method for secure distribution of compressed digital texts formed by blocks of binary data stemming from digital transformations applied to an original text. No singular art disclosing, nor motivation to combine has been found to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention of modifying at least one instance of binary data randomly selected in at least one of the blocks according to at least one substitution operation comprising extracting the binary data to be modified and replacing it with at least one decoy to provide at least one modified block, wherein the binary data to be modified is indicative of a reference to at least a first other instance of the binary data and the decoy is indicative of a reference to at least a second other instance of the binary data different than the at least one first other instance of the binary data; transmitting a modified compressed digital text in conformity with a format of the original compressed digital text, the modified compressed digital text comprising the stored at least one modified block; and transmitting, by a separate path from the transmission of the modified compressed digital text, digital

complementary information; wherein, the transmitting enables the original compressed digital text to be reconstituted by a calculation on equipment of an addressee as a function of the modified compressed digital text and the complementary information.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONGBIT CHAI whose telephone number is (571)272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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